

Minerals Management Service, Interior

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§ 216.15 Reporting instructions.

(a) Specific guidance on how to prepare and submit required information collection reports and forms to MMS is contained in a "PAAS Reporter Handbook" and a "Paas Onshore Oil and Gas Reporter Handbook." The Reporter Handbooks are available from the Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 17110, Denver, Colorado 80217-0110.

(b) Production reporters should refer to these handbooks for specific guidance with respect to production reporting requirements. If additional information is required, the reporter should contact the MMS at the above address. The telephone number is listed in the handbooks.

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§ 216.16 Where to report.

(a) All reporting forms listed in this part that are mailed or sent by U.S. Postal Service express mail should be mailed to the Mineral Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 17110, Denver, Colorado 80217-0110.

(b) Reports delivered to MMS by special couriers or overnight mail, except U.S. Postal Service express mail, shall be addressed as follows: Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Building 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

(c) A report is considered received when it is delivered to MMS at the addresses specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section. Reports received at the MMS addresses specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section after 4 p.m. mountain time are considered received the following business day.

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§ 216.20 Applicability.

The requirements of this part shall apply to all oil, gas, and solid mineral operators reporting information on Federal and Indian leases or federally-approved agreements, including leases or agreements on the OCS.

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§ 216.21 General obligations of the reporter.

The reporter shall submit accurately, completely and timely, pursuant to the requirements of this part, all information forms and other information required by MMS. Specific guidance on the use of the required forms is contained in the Production Accounting and Auditing System Reporters Handbook. Copies of the handbook are available from the MMS.

§ 216.25 Confidentiality.

(a) Information obtained by MMS pursuant to the rules of this part shall be open for public inspection and copying during regular office hours upon a written request, pursuant to rules at 43 CFR part 2, except that:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, information obtained from a reporter under this part relating to a minerals agreement approved pursuant to the Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982, 25 U.S.C. 2101 *et seq.*, the Tribal Leasing Act of 1938 (25 U.S.C. 396a *et seq.*), or the Allotted Indian Mineral Development Act of 1909 (25 U.S.C. 396), shall not be released without the written consent of the Indian Tribe(s) or individual Indian(s) who are parties to the mineral agreement.

(2) Information obtained from a reporter pursuant to this part that constitutes a trade secret and/or commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential, or other information that may be withheld under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)), such as geologic and geophysical data concerning wells, shall be available for public inspection in accordance with 43 CFR part 2. When such information is related to Indian lands, consent to release the information must also be obtained from the cognizant Tribe or allottee.

(b) If any geologic and/or geophysical data is submitted under this part, these shall be made available to the public only in accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 250.3, 250.4 and 252.7, if these relate to an offshore lease, and in accordance with 43 CFR 3162.8 if these relate to an onshore Federal or Indian lease.